HOUSE . . . . . . No. 372

By Mr. Fresolo of Worcester, petition of John P. Fresolo and others relative to expenses incurred in defense of certain actions for incapacitated police officers and fire fighters. Public Service.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

John P. Fresolo

Joan M. Menard

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO EXPENSES INCURRED IN DEFENSE AGAINST DENIALS OF CHAPTER 41 11 IF BENEFITS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Section 11 IF of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as appearing
- 2 in the 2000 Official Edition, is amended by adding a new para-
- 3 graph after line 51 as follows:—
- An employee or labor organization who has incurred expense in
- 5 successfully challenging the denial by a city or town of benefits
- 6 provided by this section; and who has engaged an attorney for
- 7 such challenge shall be reimbursed for such reasonable expense.